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before we left; and of our one absurd brush with the law — a fifteen gilder on the spot fine for going down a one-way street the wrong way in the lewd quarter of town. Pretty silly.

I can't finish without at least mentioning *Minerva* — a student union in Leiden which made Teviot Row look like the Savoy Grill on a quiet night. They never let us take any pictures so perhaps it is going against the spirit of the place to describe it. Suffice it to say you would have felt at home there dressed in bear-skins, boasting about the latest dragon you've just slain, and quaffing vast quantities of Norseman Lager. They seem to

go in for a lot of all-night affairs. I asked a member of the Board of Management if the members ever slept and he replied, "You can sleep when you are dead." I think by this stage most of us were feeling about half-dead, but we had a concert to go to, given by an amateur orchestra rather alarmingly entitled "*Sempre Crescendo*". They were very fine. Then it was back to *Minerva* and on with the bear-skins again. And so on. It was marvellous but I don't think we could have stood another week of it. We had left Edinburgh on a Thursday night, and on Saturday week we limped off the boat again at Harwich, and slithered under the icy glares of the tired *douaniers*.

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FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS — 243rd SESSION



Inaugural Address — Friday 19th October 1979 in the Hall of the Royal College of Surgeons at 8 p.m.
Professor M.F. Oliver, Duke of Edinburgh Professor of Cardiology at the University of Edinburgh.

Wednesday 7th November 1979

Air Vice-Marshal P.J. O'Connor, Former Consultant in Neurology to Royal Air Force.

Wednesday 21st November, 1979

Mr. P. Steptoe, Oldham, the gynaecologist whose technique produced the first "test-tube baby."

Wednesday 23rd January 1980.

Professor Bryan Jennet, Glasgow University, "Modern Dilemmas in Medical Care — Lessons from Head Injury."

Wednesday 6th February 1980

Dr. Hugh Jolly, Consultant Paediatrician, Charing Cross Hospital, London, "Why is Paediatrics Exciting?"

CHANGES OF OFFICE

LIBRARIAN

Dr. R. Traquair Thin retired as Honorary Librarian in 1978, and it is our pleasure that Dr. Jack Cormick (Olim Librorum Custos) has now accepted this position.

TREASURER

After the death of Dr. Malcolm Low in 1975, Professor D.C. Simpson saved the Society as Quaestor until 1978 when he retired due to the pressure of duties as Executive Dean of Faculty. We are glad to welcome Mr. Iain McLaren, F.R.C.S.Ed. as Honorary Treasurer.

OBITUARIES

Professor Norman Dott

The Dott Medal was struck in 1975 from a legacy bequeathed by the late Professor in 1973.

Dr. W.A. Alexander

Senior President 185th Session 1921-22. Retired as Quaestor 1964. Died October 1976.

Dr. Malcom Low

Senior President 212th Session 1948-49. Quaestor after Dr. Alexander's retiral 1965. Died April 1975.

Dr. D.J. Guthrie

Life Member of the Society and Editor of "History of the Royal Medical Society". Died June 1975.

Sir John Bruce

Elected Honorary Fellow 1971. Died December 1975.

Professor Sir Hugh Robson

Member of Society and Principle of Edinburgh University. Died November 1977.